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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN FIRMS IMPORT NAMIBIAN BABY FUR SEAL SKINS

REFS: (A) OSLO 0711 (B) STATE 26484

1. TORE TORENG OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS EMBASSY THAT NORWEGIAN FOREIGN OFFICE DOES NOT CONSIDER IMPORT OF BABY FUR SEALS AS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. TORENG CONFIRMS THAT LOCAL COMPANIES ARE PROBABLY IMPORTING NAMIBIAN BABY FUR SEALS (REFTEL A).

2. FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OPINION OF JUNE 1971 AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 276 (1970) AND 301 (1971) AS APPLYING ONLY TO STATE-TO-STATE CONTACTS. THESE DOCUMENTS, ACCORDING TO TORENG, ARE NOT BINDING ON PRIVATE FIRMS. FURTHERMORE, BABY FUR SEALS ARE FREE LISTED AND, THEREFORE, STATE CANNOT RESTRICT TRADE ON THIS ITEM.
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